

"SCOTCH VERDICT" BY TROTTER BOARD

Charges Are Dismissed, but Men Accused Are Warned to Be More Careful.

SESSION IS BUSY ONE

Minor offences against the rules and identification of horses which had their racing history clouded in mystery occupied the greater part of the day at the session of the board of review of the National Trotting Association yesterday. The case that puzzled the members most was one of suppression and misrepresentation of time and after hearing evidence for several hours the board could go no further than the old "Scotch verdict" of "Not guilty, but don't do it again."

The Hanover Agricultural Society of Hanover, Pa., and the horses that competed in a race at Hanover last week, were misrepresented in the time made in the race. Mr. Ellridge gave many different versions of the time made in the race, but was unable to produce corroborative testimony. The members of the board evidently took the charge of the time made in the race as a matter of course. The time made by the horses largely depends on whether or not they have been correctly timed in their races. The carefully worded statement of Mr. Ellridge is as follows:

"Proof that time was suppressed and misrepresented is inconclusive. The weight of the evidence is against the charge. The cases are therefore dismissed. But it appears that the practice has prevailed of misrepresenting the time made in the race."

dem it proper to warn timers, judges and beneficiaries that they have no right to give or receive a medal without first and foremost differentiating between those who have given and those who have received. The medals must be awarded only to those who are not guilty of violating the rules and that parties guilty of violating the rules must be held to be held to a stricter accountability.

There was an echo of the first day's drama in the second day's drama. A young driver whose name was not announced was charged with racing the mare Edna L. in Maine. Under the name of Ruth M. Edna L. won the race. The young driver was charged with racing the mare under the name of Edna L. and lost. One of these was W. E. Russell, and he told the mare over to the young trainer and told him the name of the mare was Ruth M. She trotted so fast that suspicion was confirmed. The trainer who raced the mare

Milo Powers of Goshen, Ind., was accused of racing the mare Ruth Granite 2:18 1/4 at Leesburg, Ohio, under the name of Ruth Corporal. When Powers was asked to tell the particulars about his entry he claimed that her sire was The Corporal. The officials exploded that story by showing that Ruth Corporal would be older than her alleged sire. Powers and the mare both were expelled.

clate was shown in the cases of M. Bernier, Victoriaville, Quebec, and Alfred Cravier, Montreal, against the Ballyfield Exposition Company of Ballyfield, Canada. The judges of the 2:14 trot on

end of six heats run off on the first day. At that time Crispin, owned by Cravieville and Comet had each won two heats, while Bernier's Monarchical Lady, though still in the race, had won one heat only. The judges then decided that Crispin and Monarchical Lady on the ground that they had not won a heat in the first three trotted. This decision was reversed by the board and the money was ordered paid to the owners in the order their horses stood at the end of the sixth heat—first to Cravieville, then to Comet and third to Monarchical Lady.

There were some curious cases of identification in which horses were traced after living many years in other

The black mare Gundiana was identified as being bred by Ben Fasig. She was lost in 1847 of when she went to New Orleans, where she was sold in a buggy. At fourteen years old she was bought by J. O. Causey of Graton, N. C. and entered in a farmers' race, which she won. Two other horses identified after much tracing were Jack Parker, bred in Ohio, sold in Chicago and raced in Maine, and John B., bred in Tennessee and raced in New York State and Maine.

First Race—Selling; three year-olds and upward; five furlongs:

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